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SUBJECT : Comments on Categories of U.S. Personnel  
Missing in Action and Possible SRV Tactics in  
Negotiations with the U.S.

Attached as of possible interest to you is a report  
resulting from information obtained from an agent source in  
early March 1977. We are giving this report no further  
dissemination.

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Attachment:  
Report as Stated  
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COUNTRY: Vietnam

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SUBJECT: Comments [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on Categories of U.S. Personnel Missing  
in Action and Possible SRV Tactics in Negotiations  
with the U.S.

ACQ : [REDACTED]

SOURCE : [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] in a private conversation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that the SRV has lists of U.S. personnel missing  
in action (MIA's). [REDACTED] while  
the U.S. refers to all those personnel still unaccounted for  
as MIA's, for the SRV several categories exist [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] First are U.S. pilots whose aircraft were shot  
down and who were killed over Vietnam. Second are those U.S.  
prisoners of war (POW's) who died while imprisoned in Vietnam.  
Third are a few "good" Americans who have seen the light and  
who now live and work in the SRV. Fourth are those U.S. POW's  
who were so obstinate that they had to be executed while in  
prison. In response to a question as to whether any U.S.  
POW's are living now in the SRV [REDACTED] replied [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] believed so.

2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that the SRV would be in a  
difficult negotiating position regarding a financial settle-  
ment for war damage because the U.S. could claim that the U.S.-  
supplied property and materiel left behind in South Vietnam  
were sufficient payment for the SRV. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]